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SUBJECT: SABENA LANDING RIGHTS AT ATLANTA

1. DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S INITIAL COURTESY CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER DE BRUYNE THIS WEEK, BOTH STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE BELGIUM GIVES TO GETTING LANDING RIGHTS FOR SABENA AT ATLANTA.
2. DE BRUYNE REFERRED TO BELGIUM'S RECENT REQUEST TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE TALKS SHOULD BE WELL ALONG BEFORE TINDEMANS TAKES UP PRESIDENT CARTER'S INVITATION TO COME TO WASHINGTON. WE GET THE IMPRESSION FROM TINDEMANS THAT HE IS CURRENTLY THINKING OF GOING TO WASHINGTON SOMETIME IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS EC PRESIDENCY, I.E., OCTOBER.
3. TINDEMANS CLEARLY HOPES THAT THE QUESTION OF LANDING RIGHTS WILL BE WELL ON THE WAY TO BEING SETTLED SATISFACTORILY BEFORE HE GOES TO WASHINGTON. OTHERWISE HE WOULD BE OBLIGATED TO MAKE A BIG ISSUE OF LANDING RIGHTS FOR SABENA AT ATLANTA AND HAVE LESS TIME TO FOCUS ON BROADER EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC POLICY ISSUES. CHAMBERS

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